

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 7 and 19 are pending, with both being independent. Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 18, and 20 through 26 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being non-statutory. Claims 1 through 6, 10 through 18, and 22 through 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,837 B1 (Yeo, et al.). Claims 7 through 9 and 19 through 21 are objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the rewriting of Claims 7 and 19 in independent form.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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